

LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 11 JULY 2011 AT 7.15 PM AT THE RECREATION GROUND
MEETING ROOM, BROOK STREET, LITTLE DUNMOW

Present: Cllrs: Atherton, Dodkins, Kerr, Pratt & Thomas.
In the Chair: Cllr Thomas.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also present: There was no one else present.

11/68. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Joanna Davies and Cllr Jim Watkinson.

11/69. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 16 May 2011 were approved as a correct record of events.

Proposed: Cllr Atherton. Seconded: Cllr Dodkins. All agreed.

11/70. PROGRESS CHECK.

11/61. The yellow climbing frame has been moved to within the newly fenced play area and is need of some repair which will be done shortly.

11/71. CO-OPTION OF TWO PARISH COUNCILLORS.

Two applications have been received to fill the two vacancies left following the elections in May - Mr Jim Watkinson and Mr David Kerr. Apologies were received from Mr Jim Watkinson who was unable to attend the meeting.

Cllr Thomas proposed that both David Kerr and Jim Watkinson be co-opted to the Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr Dodkins and unanimously agreed.

Cllr Kerr was welcomed to the Council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Parish Councillor. It was agreed that Cllr Watkinson could sign his Declaration of Acceptance of Office on his return from holiday.

11/72. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

To receive any 'personal' or 'personal and prejudicial' interests relating to items on the agenda. No interests were declared.

11/73. PUBLIC FORUM.

There were no members of the public present.

11/74. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

District Councillors report was received and noted. Apologies were received from Cllr Crome.

11/75. PLAY AREA.

To consider the findings of the annual safety inspection and agree any maintenance work needed and to consider re-painting the yellow climbing frame. Cllr Dodkins proposed that the frame be re-painted yellow however the majority of those present preferred that it be sanded down and treated to be in keeping

with the existing equipment. A vote was taken with the majority in agreement that the climbing frame be treated and not painted yellow. Cllr Thomas proposed that the two benches be treated at the same time, this was unanimously agreed. Quotes to be obtained for the maintenance of the play equipment raised in the report.

For safety reasons it was agreed not to plant shrubs against the play area fencing so as not to block the view of the children playing inside.

To consider planting additional trees – next agenda.

11/76. RECREATION GROUND GATE.

To consider replacing the damaged gate at a cost of £235.00 for a wooden gate. To replace the gate with a metal gate it would cost approx. £400.00.

Cllr Thomas proposed that a new wooden gate is installed, seconded by Cllr Dodkins and unanimously agreed at an approx. cost of £300.00.

11/77. ECC SECTION 106 AGREEMENT ~ UPDATE.

ECC are now looking into the costings of the footpath from Flitch Green to the skipyard, exactly how much money is left for the work and ownership of part of the land before this can proceed. Agreed to chase ECC again to make sure this is progressed and not forgotten.

11/78. FINANCE.

Accounts paid and cheques signed:

100543 £341.49 £301.50 A Balcombe (June - Salary £277.50, Office Expenses £24.00)

100544 £79.20 Playsafety Ltd. (Annual Safety Inspection)

D/D £44.04 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance - June)

100545 £3,060.40 Playdale Playgrounds Ltd (Play Equipment F/Green)

100546 £301.50 A Balcombe (July - Salary £277.50, Office Expenses £24.00)

100547 £30.05 R Dodkins (Keys x 4)

100548 £15.96 J Thomas (Weedkiller & mop head)

100549 £140.00 I Shaw (Internal Audit Fee)

100550 £40.00 RCCE (Annual Subs)

100551 £25.00 UALC (Annual Subs)

100552 £400.00 M J Canning (Re-painting Meeting Room)

D/D £44.04 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance - July)

D/D £63.50 E-on (Street lighting – May)

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11/79. VILLAGE PARTY.

Bring and Share Village Party, Sunday 21 August 12.30 – 3pm.

11/80. SALT BINS.

The results of the ECC pilot scheme should be known by the next meeting, however prices to be obtained for the purchase of salt bins in case ECC will not provide them. Sites for consideration are: Grange Lane, St Mary's Place and by the bridge in Brook Street. Next agenda.

11/81. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

11/82. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- Another children's party has been booked in August. It was suggested that a rota be drawn up to cover unlocking the meeting room etc.

11/83. MEETING DATES 2011.

Monday 12 September and 14 November, 7.15pm at the Community Meeting Room.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.28 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: